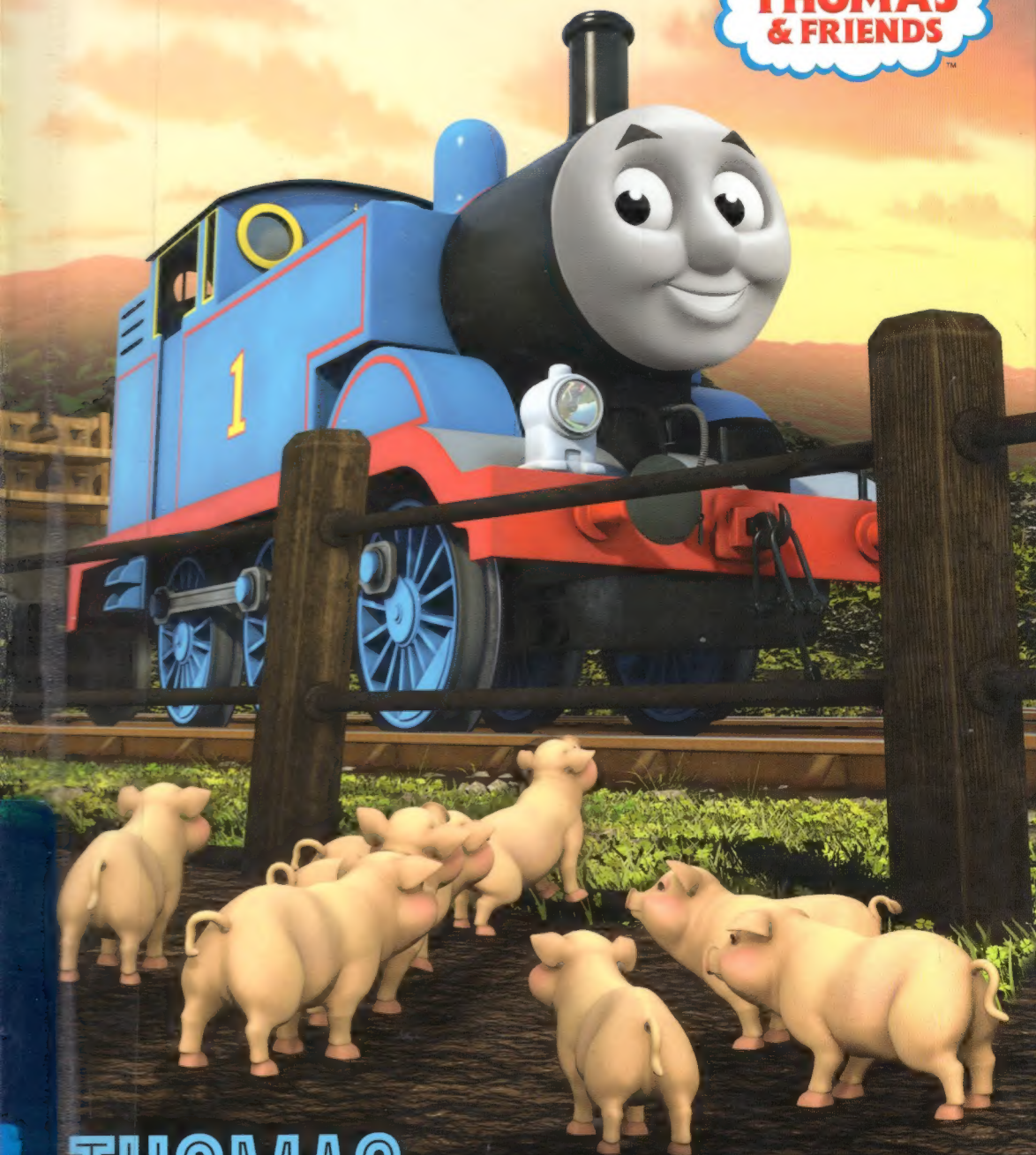


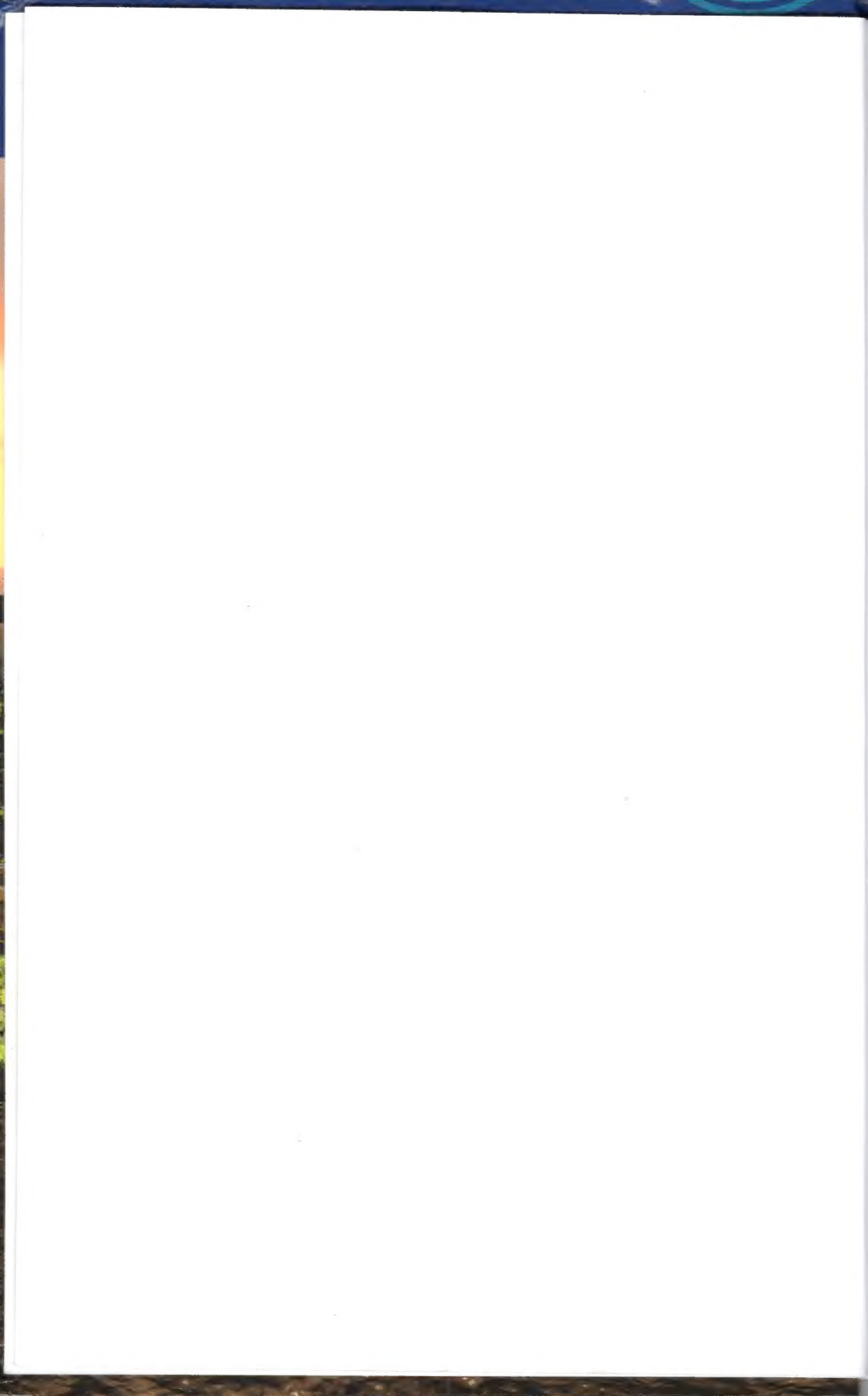
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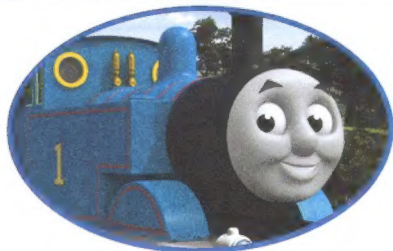
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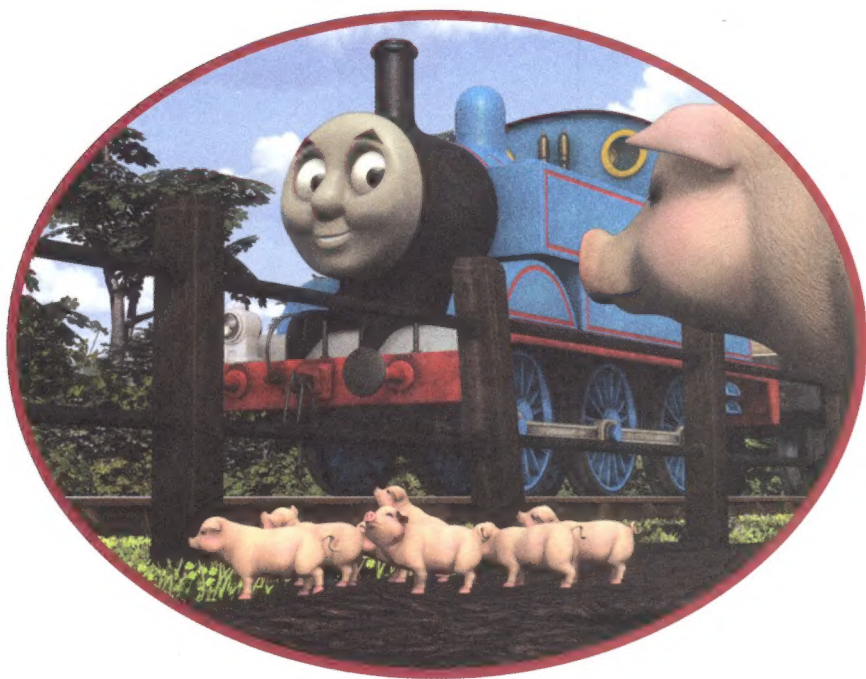
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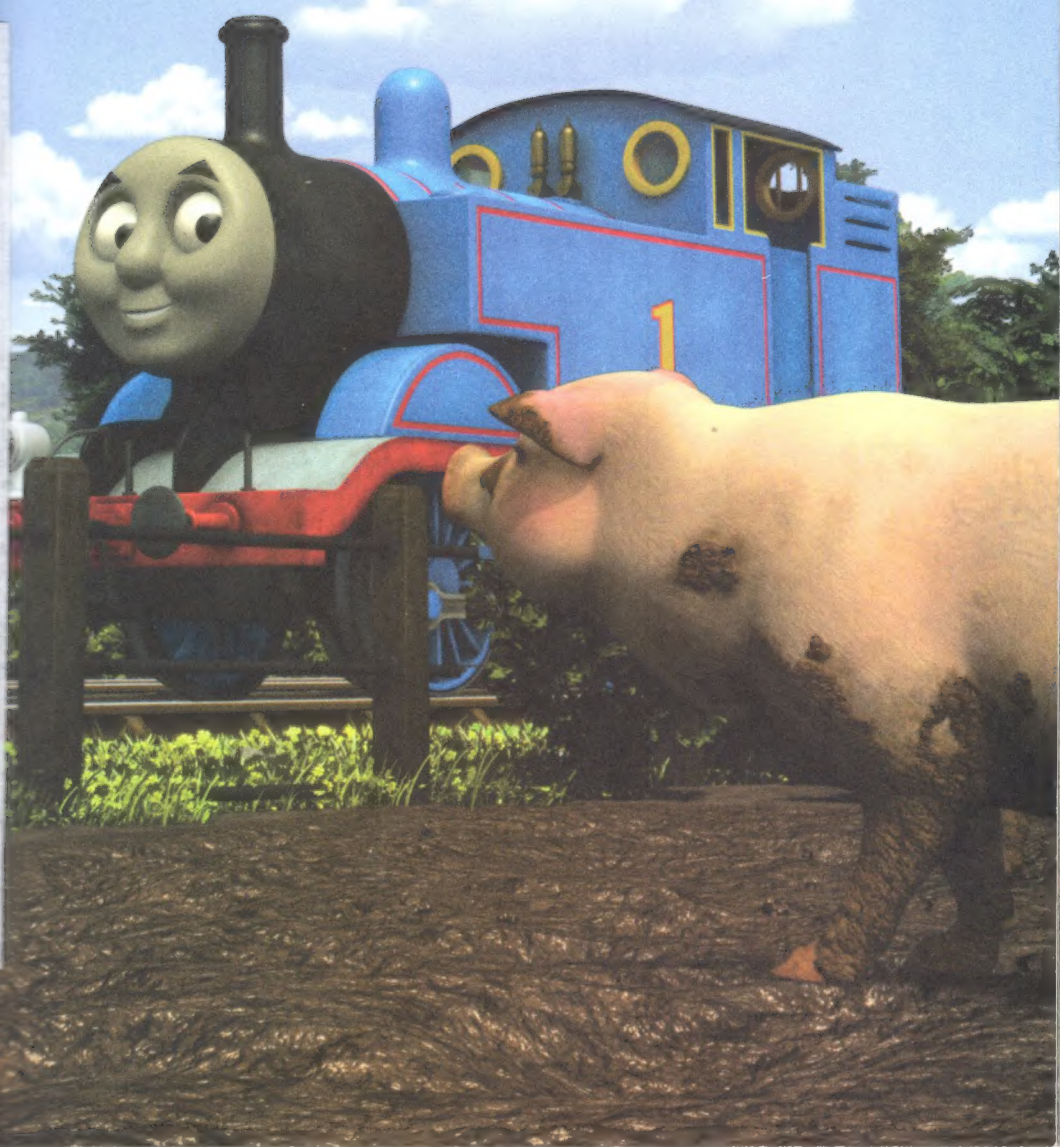
Thomas the Tank Engine  
liked to visit  
Farmer Trotter's farm.





He loved seeing the pigs.

*Oink, oink!*







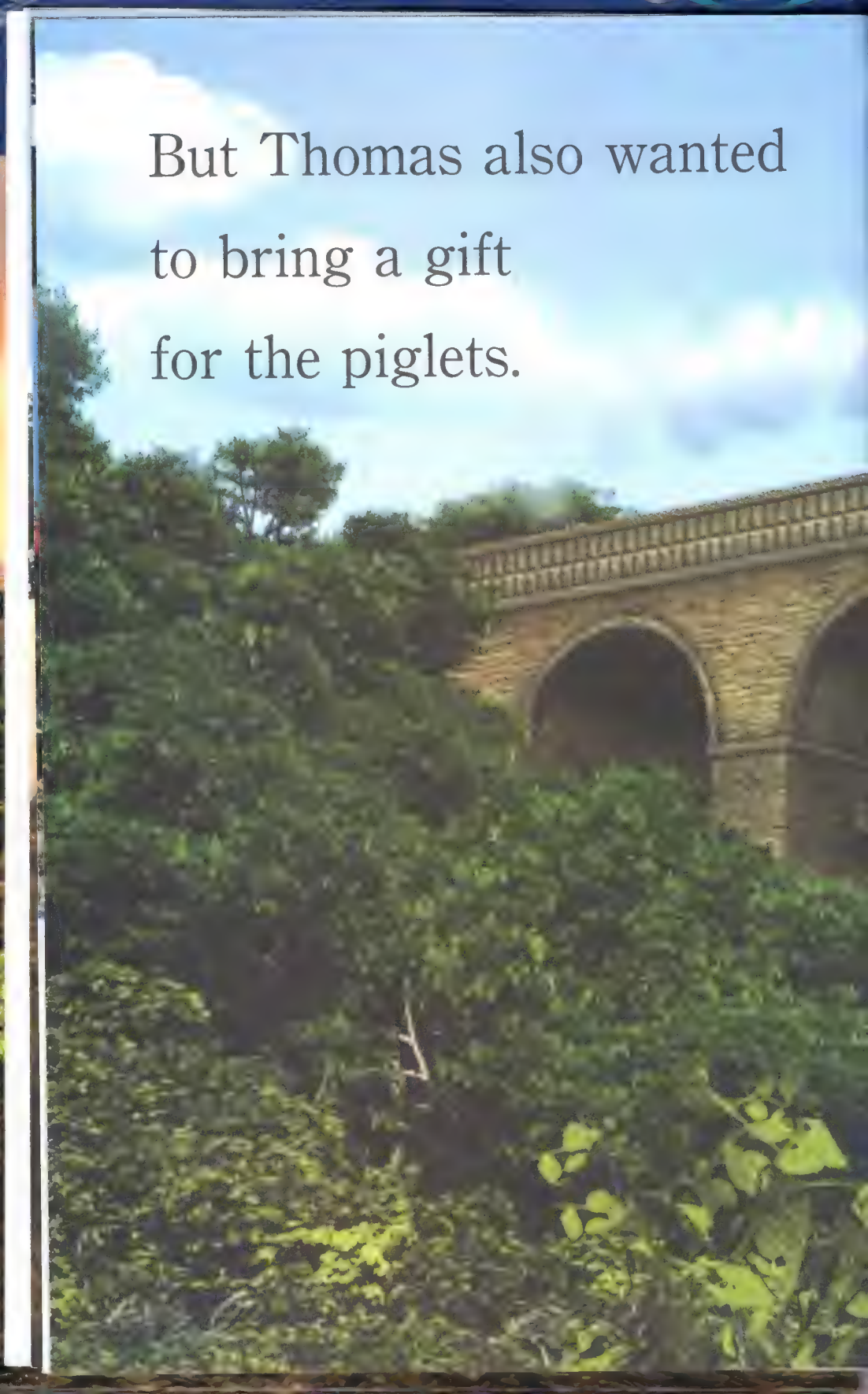
The farmer had news.  
One of his pigs was  
going to have piglets!

He asked Thomas  
to bring some straw  
from the next farm.  
The straw would make  
a cozy bed for the piglets!





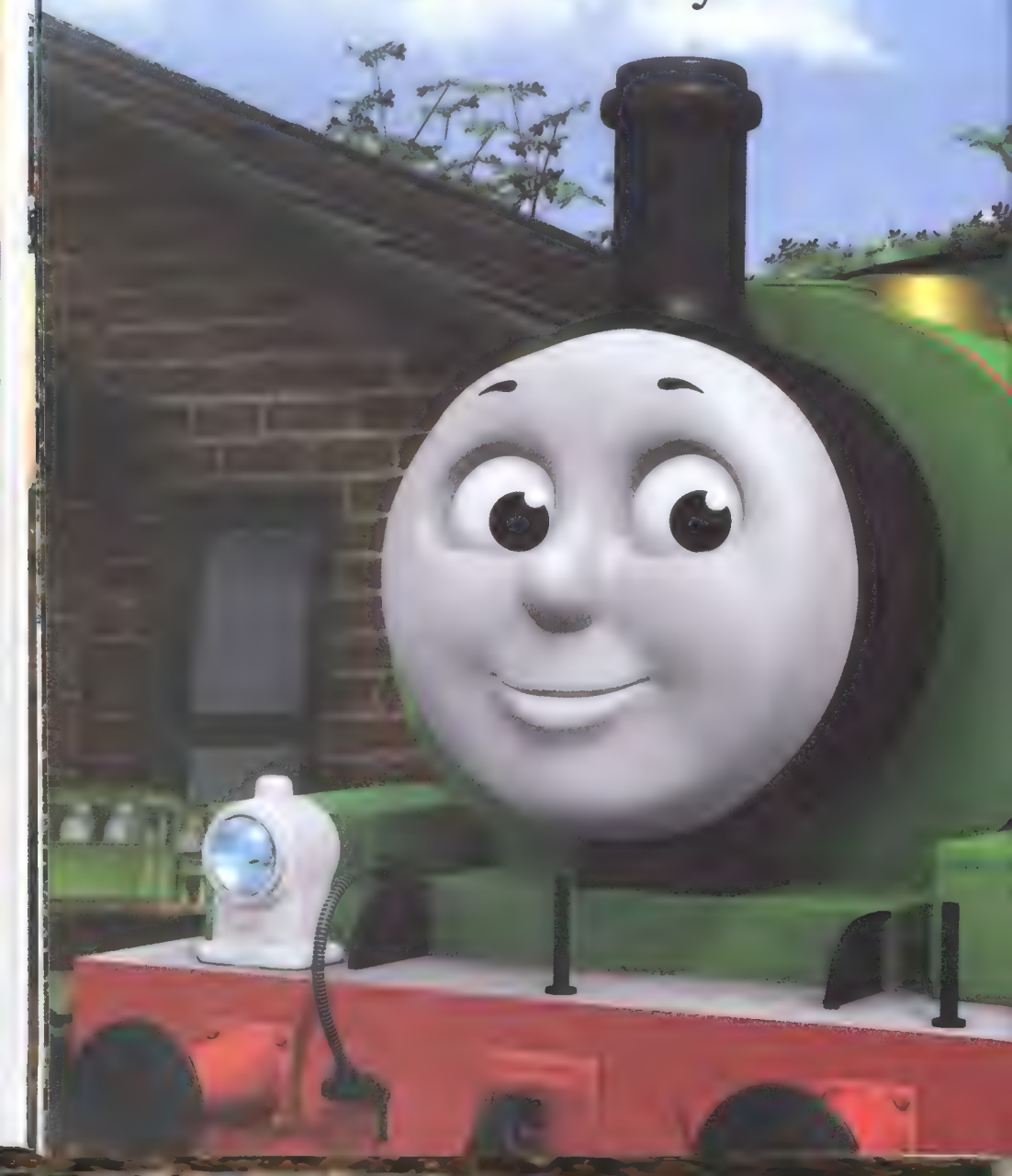
But Thomas also wanted  
to bring a gift  
for the piglets.



What else could he bring?



Thomas passed Percy.  
He was getting  
milk at the Dairy.







Thomas asked for some  
milk for the piglets.

Percy was glad  
to share.

Then Thomas saw James  
at the apple farm.  
He was getting apples.



Thomas asked for apples  
for the piglets.

James was glad  
to share.





Next Thomas saw  
some children  
picking chestnuts.



Thomas asked if he  
could take some nuts  
for the piglets.

The children were glad  
to share.



At last Thomas got  
to the next farm.  
Now he would get  
straw for the piglets.





But Thomas did not have  
room for the straw!  
His truck was full of  
milk, apples,  
and nuts.



Thomas sped back  
to Trotter's farm.  
He dropped off the  
milk, apples,  
and nuts.





Farmer Trotter told Thomas  
to rush back  
with the straw.  
The piglets would be  
born soon!




Soon Thomas came back  
with lots of soft straw.  
He was just in time!





The farmer opened  
the barn door.

A photograph of two small, pink piglets lying down in a bed of dry, yellowish-brown hay. The piglet in the foreground is seen from the side, with its head tucked down and its small, upright ears visible. The piglet in the background is partially obscured and also appears to be resting. The lighting is soft, creating a calm and sleepy atmosphere.

There were  
the new piglets!  
They were very sleepy.





Farmer Trotter put the  
straw on the ground.  
It was soft and warm.  
The piglets lay down  
and fell asleep.



Farmer Trotter  
thanked Thomas.  
He even named one  
of the piglets Thomas!  
Hooray!











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Can Thomas deliver the hay needed for a soft bed before the piglets are born?



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